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President Obama on Latest Events in Libya



"The momentum against the Qadhafi regime has reached a tipping point. Tripoli is slipping from the grasp of a tyrant... The future of Libya is now in the hands of the Libyan people... We will continue to insist that the basic rights of the Libyan people are respected." The surest way for the bloodshed to end is simple: Moammar Qadhafi and his regime need to recognize that their rule has come to an end."

بيان من الرئيس أوباما حول تطورات الوضع في ليبيا

الليلة، وصل الزخم ضد نظام القذافي إلى نقطة الذروة. فقد بدأ زمام السيطرة على طرابلس يفلت من قبضة الطاغية. وبدأت تظهر على نظام القذافي علامات الانهيار. ويدلل الشعب الليبي على أن السعي العالمي طلباً للكرامة والحرية أقوى بكثير من قبضة الدكتاتور الحديدية.

إن أضمن سبيل لوقف سفك الدماء بسيط وهو أن يعترف معمر القذافي ونظامه بأن حكمهما قد بلغ نهايته. وعلى القذافي أن يعترف بحقيقة أنه لم يعد يسيطر على ليبيا. وعليه أن يتنازل عن السلطة مرة واحدة الآن وإلى الأبد. في غضون ذلك اعترفت الولايات المتحدة بالمجلس الوطني الانتقالي بأنه السلطة الشرعية الحاكمة في ليبيا.

Secretary Clinton on New Era in Libya



"The United States and the international community have stood by the Libyan people during many difficult days in the last six months. Together, we prevented a massacre, and we supported the people's efforts to gain their freedom. We will continue to support them as they take on the regime elements that still pose a threat to Libya's future – and as they address their humanitarian needs and rebuild their nation. The Libyan people made this revolution and they will lead the way forward, but they deserve our help. Libya's future is not guaranteed. Considerable work lies ahead."

تعليق وزارة الخارجية الأميركية على الأحداث في ليبيا

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بيان من فيكتوريا نيولاند المتحدثه الرسمية باسم وزارة الخارجية:

"إننا نراقب الوضع في ليبيا عن كثب، ومن الواضح أن الهجوم على طرابلس جارٍ وماضٍ في طريقه. وإن الرئيس ووزيرة الخارجية يتلقيان تقارير بصفة منتظمة، وإننا على اتصال وثيق بالمجلس الانتقالي الليبي، وبحلفائنا وشركائنا. وكما أكد مساعد وزيرة الخارجية فلتمان أثناء زيارته بني غازي، فإننا نواصل جهودنا لتشجيع المجلس الانتقالي على إبقاء تواصله على نطاق واسع عبر كل قطاعات المجتمع الليبي، وعلى أن يخطط لفترة ما بعد القذافي في ليبيا. إن أيام القذافي معدودة. وإن كان القذافي يهتم بمصلحة الشعب الليبي فعليه أن يتنحى الآن."

Secretary Clinton on World Humanitarian Day



"In situations of conflict and instability around the world, humanitarian workers stand up against violence, human suffering and indifference. On this World Humanitarian Day, we honor their sacrifice. Whether by defending their own neighbors, or helping to save lives in distant countries in conflict, the work of humanitarian workers is an essential component to promoting peace and stability around the world."

White House Statement on World Humanitarian Day



On this World Humanitarian Day, we honor the memory of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while in service to others. Over the past decade, more than 750 humanitarian workers have lost their lives while helping innocent civilians in times of conflict and suffering. Last year alone, 242 aid workers were killed, injured or kidnapped. At a time when armed groups are increasingly targeting these humanitarian workers The United States condemns any effort to harm aid workers and demands that they be given the access they need to reach those in need and save lives.

Middle East Quartet Statement on Attacks in Southern Israel



The Quartet remains concerned about the unsustainable situation in Gaza as well as the risk of escalation, and calls for restraint from all sides. The Quartet also expresses its concern about the security situation in the Sinai Peninsula. Recent commitments by the Egyptian government to address the security situation in the Sinai are important, and the Quartet encourages the Egyptian government to find a lasting resolution to the issue of Sinai security. The Quartet extends its deepest condolences to the victims, their families and loved ones.

اللجنة الرباعية تعلق على الهجمات في جنوب إسرائيل

صدر البيان التالي نصه عن اللجنة الرباعية للشرق الأوسط (الأمم المتحدة، وروسيا، والولايات المتحدة والإتحاد الأوروبي)

تشجب اللجنة الرباعية الهجمات التي وقعت في جنوب إسرائيل يوم 18 آب/أغسطس، 2011، وجميع الأعمال الإرهابية بأشد العبارات. فهذه أعمال جبانة من الإرهاب الذي ينفذ عن سابق تصميم. وتتمنى الرباعية أن يقدم إلى العدالة الضالعون في تدبير وتنفيذ هذه الهجمات الشنيعة. ولا يزال يساور اللجنة الرباعية قلق إزاء هذا الوضع غير القابل للاستمرار في غزة ومخاطر التصعيد وتدعو لضبط النفس من جانب كل الأطراف. كما تعبر الرباعية عن قلقها من الوضع الأمني في شبه جزيرة سيناء. وإن التعهدات الأخيرة من جانب الحكومة المصرية بمعالجة الوضع الأمني في سيناء تكتسب أهمية، والرباعية تحت الحكومة المصرية على إيجاد حل دائم لمسألة الأمن في سيناء. وتتقدم الرباعية بأحر تعازيها للضحايا وعائلاتهم وأحبائهم.

Messages to U.S. Citizens

Emergency Message #1 (August 24, 2011):

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem notes that, according to local security sources, Jerusalem is under a heightened Security Alert. The police have established roadblocks in various sections of the city and increased their personnel on the streets. Vehicle inspections are being conducted, and suspicious individuals and bags are receiving further scrutiny.

U.S. citizens in Jerusalem are advised to exercise extra vigilance and avoid large crowds during upcoming rallies and religious holidays, particularly in and around Jerusalem's Old City.

Emergency Message #2 (August 23, 2011):

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem advises U.S. citizens that the light rail system in Jerusalem has now started operations in the city. This new form of transportation is part of the public transportation network. Official U.S. Government personnel are currently prohibited from utilizing public transportation facilities, including municipal buses and the light rail network. The Consulate General will monitor the performance and security climate of the new light rail system as it begins operations.

U.S. citizens traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website: <http://www.travel.state.gov/>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information can be found. U.S. citizens are also encouraged to review "A safe trip abroad": http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1747.html, which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada, or outside the United States and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

U.S. citizens are advised to maintain valid travel documents and register with the Department of State or through the State Department travel registration website: <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

Up-to-date information on security conditions can also be accessed at <http://usembassy-israel.org.il> or <http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov>.

Selling More than Olive Oil from Palestinian Farms

This article is one in a series of stories on Middle Eastern and North African firms who attended the Summer Fancy Food Show in Washington July 10–12.



The Palestinian olive oil that Nasser Abu Farha displays in tall bottles is only part of what he sells to American and European consumers. He also sells a way of doing business: treating his suppliers fairly and helping them to be good stewards of the earth they farm.

“Canaan Fair Trade is a mission-based company that seeks, through business, to empower small and marginalized farming communities of Palestine caught in the midst of conflicts so they sustain their livelihoods and their farms,” he said. “So we combine both fair trade — social accountability — with organic production — environmental accountability and sustainability — into what we call a sustainable trade model through which about 1,700 farming families are benefiting right now.”

If Abu Farha’s explanation sounds a bit like a college lecture, there is a reason: He received a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin in anthropology and international development and planned to teach at an American university. His concern for his fellow Palestinians got in the way.

“I was doing my research for my Ph.D. in Palestine, and I saw the farmers were hurting severely from plummeting prices of olive oil. So I thought of fair trade as a vehicle to open market access to the farmers,” he said. “That needs to be combined with environmental sustainability.”

Canaan Fair Trade’s policy of protecting farmers from disastrous drops in the market makes it distinctive. “We guarantee the farmers a minimum sustainable price, a price that allows them to make a living off of their farming activities,” Abu Farha said. The farmers, in turn, commit to pay their workers good wages. The olive oil is organic and comes from family operations — none larger than 10 hectares — instead of olive plantations. Other Canaan Fair Trade products, such as tapenades, sun-dried tomatoes, spice blends and maftoul, the Palestinian couscous, are the work of 200 women’s collectives.

Abu Farha said the United States was his biggest market from the start and accounts for 55 percent of his sales, with the rest going to about 15 other countries, mostly in Europe. The Palestinian Territories enjoy tariff-free trade with the United States. “It’s an added incentive,” Abu Farha said...



- **NEW!** Calling all organizations interested in funding from the State Department's Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA), including MEPI. Read this [PDF instruction booklet](#) then take the questionnaire to see if your organization is a good fit for future NEA funding in the areas of political and economic development, democracy, human rights, freedom of expression, and much more! NEA will notify you if your organization might be considered for future funding through this opportunity.

Don't wait to tell us about your work... This opportunity closes on **SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**.

- **MEPI has launched its first ever Information Technology (IT) Partnership Program** to link MEPI grantees with major IT corporations. Through this new partnership, local NGOs will be able to access the latest computer software, hardware, and related training to improve the effectiveness of their projects, build organizational capacity, and assist with cementing the long-term sustainability of their work. For more information, please contact us at mepi-it-partnerships@state.gov

- **The Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Consulate General, Jerusalem Announces the Academic Year 2012 - 2013 Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program**

The Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem announces the academic year 2012-2013 Hubert Humphrey Fellowship. This program provides mid-career Palestinians with an opportunity to enhance their professional capabilities through participation in a specialized year of graduate level, non-degree academic coursework and professional development activities at selected U.S. universities. The program brings together professionals in leadership positions who have a commitment to public service and the potential for professional advancement. Programs are individually designed to include coursework, independent projects, internships, consultations with U.S. experts, and special seminars. To learn more, please visit www.humphreyfellowship.org

In addition to the pre-academic language training, the Humphrey program also offers a Long Term English Language Training (LTE) intensive English course of 20 to 25 weeks for candidates with a range of 440 – 500 TOEFL score. The LTE candidates begin their study program in the United States between January and March 2012 in preparation for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Deadline: September 25, 2011. Late applications will NOT be accepted.

Applications should be submitted online at: <http://apply.embark.com/student/humphrey/fellowship/>

The following materials must be uploaded in addition to application:

Transcripts (including course listings and grades received) for each higher education degree received;

Recommendation form and letters;

English Language Assessment form

A copy of application should be send to following e-mail address: exchanges@state.gov

Inquiries:

West Bank/East Jerusalem residents: Tel: (02) 622-7107 or exchanges@state.gov

Gaza Residents: Tel: 08-2864-623 OR cell phone: 0599-677-317

- **The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars** is pleased to announce the opening of its 2012-2013 Fellowship competition. The Center awards approximately 20-25 academic year residential fellowships to individuals from any country with outstanding project proposals on national and/or international issues. The Center accepts non-advocacy, policy-relevant, fellowship proposals that address key challenges of past, present, and future issues confronting the United States and the world. Applicants must hold a doctorate or have equivalent professional experience. The Center also supports projects that intersect with contemporary policy issues and provide the historical and/or cultural context for some of today's significant public policy issues. Fellows are provided stipends (which include round trip travel), private offices, Windows based personal computers, loan privileges with the Library of Congress, and part-time research assistants.

For more information and application guidelines please contact the Center at:

Tel: 202-691-4170; Fax: 202-691-4001; E mail: fellowships@wilsoncenter.org.

You can apply online or download the application from the Center's website at <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/fellowshipapplication/>

Deadline: October 1, 2011

- **CRDF Global announces first Global Innovation through Science and Technology (GIST) competition:**

Innovators, scientists, and entrepreneurs are encouraged to participate in GIST's multinational technology idea competition. From July 1 through October 31, CRDF Global will accept two-minute video entries that present technological solutions to economic problems. Twenty-five semi-finalists will be selected by popular vote on the GIST website and will receive coaching and training. In late 2011 an expert panel will award \$20,000 to the grand prize winner. The top 11 concepts will receive a total of \$60,000. Judges will look for individuals or teams who embrace risk from the GIST-eligible countries, which include the Middle East and North Africa. The idea should have market traction. The applicant must not have raised capital for the idea before, cannot be incorporated, and be willing to form a new company. Here is more information:

<http://gist.crdfglobal.org/gist-programs/regional-competitions>

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